



Department of Veterans Affairs

DISABILITY COMPENSATION AWARD ATTACHMENT IMPORTANT INFORMATION

VA CHECK DELIVERY

A check covering the initial amount due under this award will be mailed within 15 days. Thereafter, checks will be delivered at the beginning of each month for the preceding month.

VA HOSPITALIZATION AND OUTPATIENT TREATMENT

Veterans who have one or more service-connected disabilities as determined by the Veterans Benefits Administration are eligible for medical care through the VA health care system. If you are interested in obtaining VA medical care, you may contact your nearest VA health care facility or the VA Enrollment Service Center at 1-877-222-8387.

DENTAL TREATMENT

If you are evaluated as 100% disabled for service-connected disabilities or as 100% disabled because of Individual Unemployability, you may be eligible for VA dental treatment. For additional information, contact your nearest VA Medical Center or Outpatient Clinic.

ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPENDENTS

Veterans having a 30% or more service-connected condition may be entitled to additional compensation for a spouse, dependent parents, or unmarried children under 18 (or under 23 if attending an approved school) or when prior to age 18 the child has become permanently incapable of self-support because of mental or physical defect. The additional benefit for a spouse is payable in a higher amount upon receipt of evidence establishing that the spouse is a patient in a nursing home or so disabled as to require the aid and attendance of another person.

INDIVIDUAL UNEMPLOYABILITY

If your service-connected disabilities are seriously disabling, but are not total and are not solely of a psychiatric nature, and you are unable to secure and follow a substantially gainful occupation because of those disabilities, you may be entitled to receive benefits at the rate for total disability. If you wish to claim this benefit, you should contact the nearest VA office and complete 21-8940, Veteran's Application for Increased Compensation Based on Unemployability.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

If your service-connected disabilities are seriously disabling, but are not total and are not solely of a psychiatric nature, and you are unable to secure and follow a substantially gainful occupation because of those disabilities, you may be entitled to receive benefits at the rate for total disability. If you wish to claim this benefit, you should contact the nearest VA office and complete 21-8940, Veteran's Application for Increased Compensation Based on Unemployability.

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

If you were discharged after January 31, 1955, you may be eligible for educational benefits in addition to compensation or retired pay. A monthly educational assistance allowance is payable to veterans who qualify for one of VA's educational assistance programs. Each program has unique eligibility specified by law, but only one program can be used at any given time. These programs are alternatives to the above-mentioned Vocational Rehabilitation. If you desire additional information, you should write or call the nearest VA office.

GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE

If you are paying premiums on Government life insurance (GI insurance) and are unable to work, you may be entitled to certain benefits as provided for in your policy. For complete information contact the VA regional office where you pay premiums.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTICE

Please notify this office immediately, in writing over your signature, of any change of address.

1. Your award of disability compensation is subject to future adjustment upon receipt of evidence showing any change in the degree of disability.
2. Your payments may also be affected by any of the following circumstances which you must promptly call to our attention.
 - a. Reentrance into active military or naval service.
 - b. Receipt of armed forces service retirement pay, unless your retirement pay has been reduced because of award of disability compensation.
 - c. Receipt of benefits from the Office of Federal Employees Compensation.
 - d. Receipt of active duty or drill pay as a reservist or member of the Federally recognized National Guard.
3. If you have a disability rating of 30% or more, you must promptly advise us of any change in the status of your dependents.
4. If your award includes special monthly compensation due to need for aid and attendance, this additional allowance is generally subject to reduction from the first day of the second calendar month of admission to hospitalization, nursing home or domiciliary care at VA expense.
5. Benefits will be reduced upon incarceration in a Federal, State or local penal institution in excess of 60 days for conviction of a felony. The amount not payable may be apportioned to a spouse, dependent children or parents.
6. Monthly payments of your award may be stopped, if you fail to furnish evidence as requested; fail to cooperate or submit to a VA examination when requested; or if you furnish VA or cause to be furnished any false or fraudulent evidence.
7. Information submitted is subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.
8. The law provides severe penalties which include fine or imprisonment, or both, for the fraudulent acceptance of any payment to which you are not entitled.